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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY

WHEN I SAW SENATOR PELL TODAY HE HANDED ME A COPY OF THE
FOLLOWING LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

"WASHINGTON, MARCH 26, 1974

DEAR MR. SENATOR,

I AM SENDING YOU HERewith THE TEXT OF THE LETTER WHICH I
WROTE TO THE EDITOR OF THE WASHINGTON POST AND WHICH WAS
PUBLISHED IN THE EDITORIAL SECTION OF THIS MORNING'S ISSUE.

TOTALLY UNFOUNDED RUMORS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN THE PRESS
AND ON RADIO AND TELEVISION, SERIOUSLY DISTORTING FRANCE'S
IMAGE AND TENDING TO UNDERMINE OUR LONGSTANDING FRIENDSHIP.

SOME OF THESE RUMORS UNFORTUNATELY ORIGINATED IN OFFICIAL
CIRCLES. I HAVE MADE A FORMAL PROTEST ABOUT THIS TO THE
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STATE DEPARTMENT.

WE HAVE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS TO RESOLVE. YOU WILL SURELY
AGREE WITH ME THAT IT IS HIGH TIME TO BROACH THEM IN THE
SPIRIT OF FRANKNESS, HONESTY AND GOODWILL WHICH, DESPITE
PASSING DISAGREEMENTS, BEFITS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OLD FRIENDS AND ALLIES. SINCERELY YOURS JACQUES
KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET." RUSH

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